GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Report on the working of the Sanitary Board, Kolar Gold Fields.

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The Report on the working of the Kolar Gold Fields Sanitary Board for the year 1930-31, received with the President's letter No. C.—31-32, dated 29th September 1931

ORDER No. L. 4008-12—L. B. 74-31-12, DATED 30TH NOVEMBER 1931.

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2. *Constitution.*—The Board consisted of 18 members of whom seven were *ex-officio* and eleven were non-officials. Of the non-officials, seven were nominated by the Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board, three were elected by the ratepayers of Robertsonpet and Andersonpet and one was nominated by Government to represent the remaining area under the jurisdiction of the Board.

Six ordinary and three Special Meetings were held during the year, the average attendance being 5·88 officials and 8·33 non-officials.

3. *Committees.*—Five Committees were appointed by the Board during the year for the following purposes:—

1. Compilation of Account Rules.
2. Hearing appeals and objections from orders of assessment.
3. Re-distribution of lights and reduction of expenditure under lighting.
4. Bringing Oorgaum, Somnakuppam and Masikam villages and Andersonpet under the direct administration of the Board.
5. Levy of shop-tax on shops and other places of business owned by private individuals in the Mining area.

Of these, Committees Nos. 2 and 4 did not meet during the year and each of the others held one meeting at which the attendance was good.

4. *Finance.*—The total income and expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 1,12,052 and Rs. 1,14,163 against Rs. 1,46,763 and Rs. 1,36,414 respectively, for the previous year. The year opened with a balance of Rs. 7,867 and closed with a balance of Rs. 5,756. The income and expenditure under service heads amounted to Rs. 1,02,561 and Rs. 89,320 respectively. The principal items of revenue consisted of (1) local cesses, (2) income from markets including butchers' stalls, (3) house, shop, cart and vehicle taxes, and (4) ground rent from cooly colonies, the income from these sources being Rs. 12,634, Rs. 31,070, Rs. 15,802 and Rs. 7,864 respectively. A sum of Rs. 5,239 being the contribution by the Village Panchayets in the Board area on account of Sanitary charges and a sum of Rs. 6,000 being the contribution by the Mining Board on account of Medical Relief were also received during the year. The expenditure was principally under the following heads:—

	Rs.
Administration	9,044
Conservancy and Sanitation	30,645
Hospitals and Dispensaries	6,034
Lighting charges	6,895
Water-supply	16,793

5. *Demand, Collection and Balance.*—The Demand including arrears of Rs. 6,063 under house and mohatarfa taxes was Rs. 15,122. Of this, a sum of Rs. 9,953 was collected during the year, Rs. 624 was remitted and a balance of Rs. 4,545 remained uncollected at the end of the year. The collection work is capable of further improvement.

6. *Public Health and Sanitation.*—The number of births and deaths per mille of population was 34·10 and 25·60 respectively, against 37·05 and 24·72 in the previous year. Death rate of infants under one year was 195·32 per 1000 births against 193·29 in the previous year. The Sanitary Board area was free from cholera

during the year while there were 81 attacks and 40 deaths from plague and 42 attacks and 9 deaths under small-pox. The number of vaccinations performed was 10,241 against 9,587 during the previous year. The total number of patients treated in the medical institutions was 60,962 against 52,642 in the previous year. A sum of Rs 1,620 was spent on the maintenance of the child welfare centre at Robertsonpet as against Rs. 1,762 in the previous year.

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Working of the Stores Purchase Committee.

READ—

The Annual Administration Report on the working of the Stores Purchase Committee for the year 1930-31 received with letter No 5759, dated 1st October 1931, from the Secretary of the Committee.

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Recorded.

2. Rajakaryaprasakta Diwan Bahadur M. N. Krishna Rao, B.A., First Member of Council, presided over the Committee during the year except the period from 1st of September 1930 till the 18th of February 1931 when Rajakaryapravina Mr. P. G. D'Souza, B.A., B.L., was President of the Committee. The term of Membership of Messrs. P. A. Barton and T. Nanjappa having expired, Messrs. B. K. Garudachar and D. A. Adinarayana were nominated as non-official members of the Committee to represent the Board of Industries and Commerce of the Economic Conference for a period of one year from 3rd October 1930.

The Committee met seven times during the year and discussed 50 subjects relating among others to the examination of tenders, passing of awards and considered the question of securing economies in the charges hitherto paid in the shape of shipping charges, harbour dues, etc., on imported stores. Government are glad that as a result of protracted negotiations with the Madras Port Trust, it has been practically decided to adopt a flat rate of harbour dues at Rs. 3 per ton, inclusive of quay dues and cranage charges in respect of stores other than railway materials imported through the Madras Port.

The period of the Agency of Messrs. Best & Co., as Clearing Agents, has been extended for a further period of three years from 1st January 1931.

On a detailed examination of the question of the desirability of adopting a system of obtaining quotations on the rupee basis for delivery of materials in India, the Committee have come to the conclusion that there is no specific advantage in following this system as a question of policy in all cases, but that wherever it is possible and advantageous to do so, it may be adopted.

The total value of stores purchased in India and abroad amounted to Rs. 44,14,520, the highest figure reached since the constitution of the Stores Purchase Committee as against Rs. 25,96,320 during the previous year. Of this, orders to the extent of Rs. 25,25,493 were for articles made in India. Orders of the value of £54,311 were placed direct by the Committee with firms in foreign countries while stores of the value of £87,366 were obtained through the Trade Commissioner for Mysore in London.

It is gratifying to note that the incidence of cost on the Stores Purchase Committee and allied organisations for the purchase of stores was reduced from 1·4 per cent to 0·8 per cent during the year under report.

The work of the Committee continued to be satisfactory.

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